Master plan for setting up of Food Processing Industries around Delhi

2041. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated a master plan to set up food processing industries in the rural areas of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Delhi, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that the products prepared by the food processing industries can bring a lot of foreign exchange and can also boost the economy of the above mentioned States;

(c) whether Government propose to allow the multi-national companies such as Mac Donel, Coca-Cola, etc., to set up their business in this country; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) This Ministry have not formulated any master plan for setting up food processing industries in the rural areas of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Delhi. The State Governments have, however, been requested to formulate suitable schemes on the basis of raw-material endowments for assistance from the Central Government.

(b) Government are aware of the export potential of the food processing industries as well as the various constraints affecting the export of processed food products.

(c) and (d) Government have approved a joint venture proposal of M/s. JMRPCO Ltd. on 21-1-1992 M/s. JMRPCO Ltd. is a company incorporated at Hong Kong in which 60% shareholding is NRI equity and 40% shareholding is of M/s. Coca Cola South Asia Holdings, Inc. a wholly owned subsidiary of Coca-Cola, USA. In the joint venture company, JMRPCO Ltd., M/s. Britannia Industries Ltd. and Maharashtra State Government Agency will hold 66%, 24% and 10% of the equity, respectively.

Manufacture and sale of fake cold drink

2042. SHRI RAMJI LAL : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that fake cold drinks are being manufactured/prepared and sold like Campa Cola;

(b) whether there is any procedure to check such type of manufacturing of hazardous/injurious product, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to issue strict guidelines in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Depression in deep sea fishing in Andhra Pradesh

2043. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of the continuing depression in deep sea fishing in Andhra Pradesh during the current season;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for decline of this sector in Vishakhapatnam; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to rectify the problems and bring change in its policies, accordingly ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was reported that the decline in this sector is mainly due to poor shrimp catch, over exploitation of shrimp resources absence of attractive markets for shrimp by-catch, increased cost of operation, slow acceptance of diversified fishing and inadequacy of technical expertise for the same.